**Promotion of teachers of SAUs**

3184. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for promotion of teacher of State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs), State Verterinary Universities and ICAR institutions is implemented from 27th July, 1998;

(b) if so, the names of the institutions implementing the scheme;

(c) the details of SAUs granting Non-Practicing allowance to teachers/ scientists with basic veterinary degree showing percentage of basic pay granted as NPA.

(d) whether ICAR is contemplating to initiate action against defaulting SAUs for not implementing the UGC pay package in toto; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, with action taken, institute-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All ICAR institutes, Central Agricultural University, State Agricultural Universities and State Veterinary Universities are implementing the scheme.

(c) The State Agricultural Universities are governed by the respective State rules for granting non-practicing allowance to veterinary teachers/ scientists with basic veterinary degree.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The ICAR has no statutory status for initiating action against State Agricultural Universities. They are governed by the State rules.

**Tests by NARI for crops in Rajasthan**

3185. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of field tests conducted by various National Agricultural Research Institutes for trying different crops including new or different cash crops in the arid and desert regions of Rajasthan;

(b) what are the new or alternate crops that can be introduced in the State in the near future; and

(c) whether these crops will yield high productivity inspite of the drought like conditions of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Field tests including varietal evaluation trials, agronomic trials, nutrient management trials, diseases and insects management trials, etc. have been conducted by various National Agricultural Research Institutes in the arid and desert regions of Rajasthan on different crops such as pasture grasses (*Lasiurus sp.; Cenchrus sp. Sehima sp.),* cereals (pearl millet, sorghum, maize, wheat), pulses (mothbean, clusterbean, mungbean, chickpea, cowpea), oilseeds (castor, sesame, mustard, sunflower), fruit crops ('ber', date-palm, 'bael', 'aonla', drumstick, *Citrullus* sp.), Oil-yielding shrub crops ('jojoba', *Jatropha* sp.), fodder shrubs (*Atriplex* sp.), fodder tress (*Acacia* sp., *Prosopis* sp., *Leucaena* sp.), Vegetables(chilies, cowpea), spices ('ajwain', dill, *Nigella* sp.) etc.

(b) New or alternate crops that can be introduced depending upon moisture availability are jojoba, datepalm, 'ber', *Atriplex,* 'ajwain', dill, *Nigella,* etc.

(c) It is expected that these crops will be better equipped to cope with moisture stress on account of drought.

**Package for farmers**

†3186. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced a new package for the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.